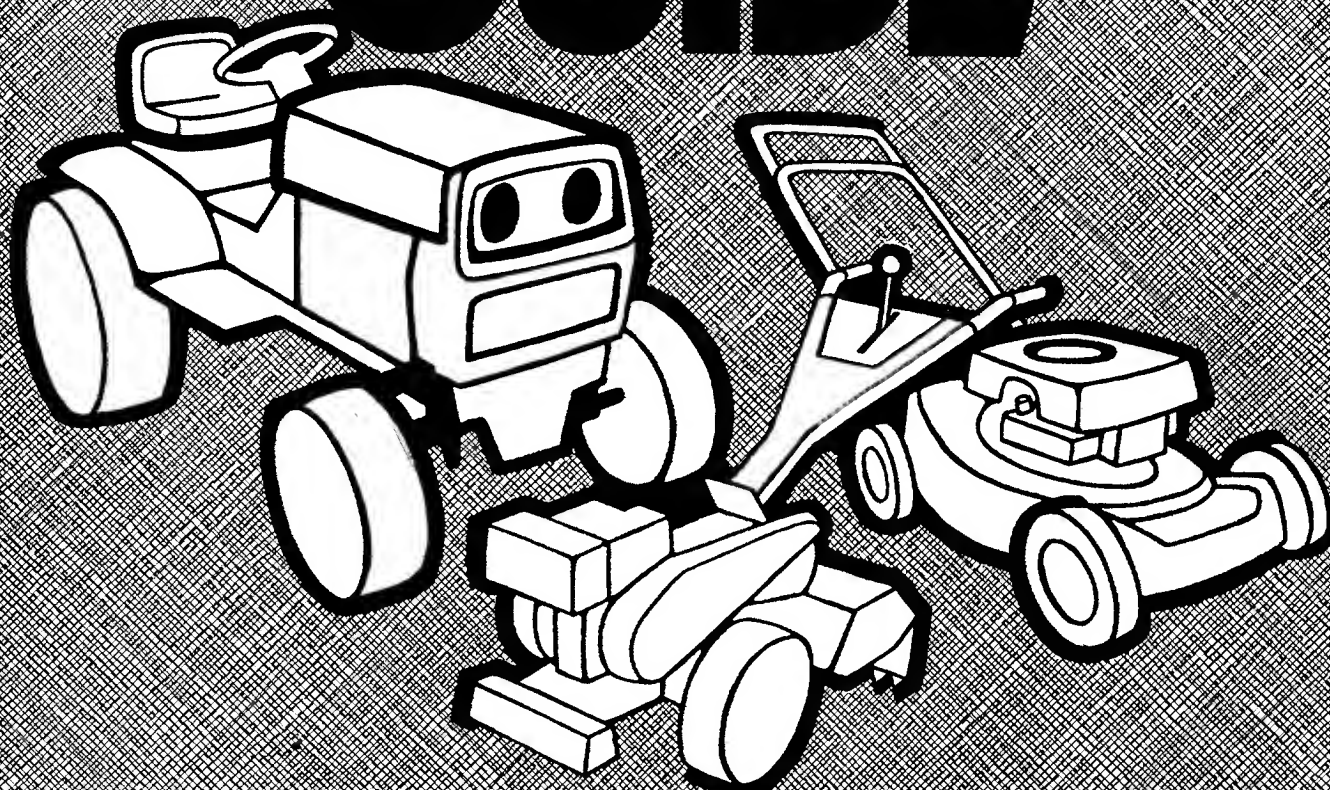


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20" REAR DISCHARGE SELF-PROPELLED ROTARY MOWERS

Important:

**Read Safety Rules and
Instructions Carefully**

Thank you for purchasing an
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Model Numbers

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The equipment which you have just purchased does not have a spark arrester. If this equipment is used on any forest covered land, brush covered land, or grass covered unimproved land in the State of California, before using on such land, the California law requires that a spark arrester be provided. In addition, spark arrester is required by law to be in effective working order. The spark arrester must be attached to the exhaust system and comply with Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code.



WARNING

To reduce the potential for any injury, comply with the following safety instructions. Failure to comply with the instructions may result in personal injury.

SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

TRAINING

1. It is suggested that this manual be read in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate this unit. Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times.
3. Read this Owner's Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
4. Never allow children to operate a power mower. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use your mower.
5. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop engine when they are in the vicinity of your mower. Although the area of operation should be completely cleared of foreign objects, a small object may have been overlooked and could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause injury.

PREPARATION

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the mower in any direction and cause injury.
2. Do not operate equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial footwear.
3. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that could get caught on the mower.
4. Check the fuel before starting the engine. Gasoline is an extremely flammable fuel. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, while the engine is running, or while the engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine as it may cause a fire or explosion.
5. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
6. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
7. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
8. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing. Keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.

OPERATION

1. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Excessive engine speeds are dangerous.
2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times as the rotating blade can cause injury.
3. Stop the blade when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.

4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.
5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
6. Stop the engine whenever you leave the mower, before cleaning the mower housing, and when making any repairs or inspections.
7. When cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Before attempting to unclog the mower or discharge chute, stop the engine and be sure the blade has stopped completely. The cutting blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off. Never place any part of the body in the blade area until you are sure the blade has stopped rotating. Disconnect the spark plug wire and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
9. Do not run the engine indoors.
10. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging chute.
11. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
12. Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing or adjusting.
13. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.
14. Keep washout ports and other mower-housing service openings closed when mowing.
15. **DO NOT OPERATE** this mower with the chute doors open, unless the complete grass catcher is properly mounted on the mower.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

1. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
3. Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
5. Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. For safety protection, replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.

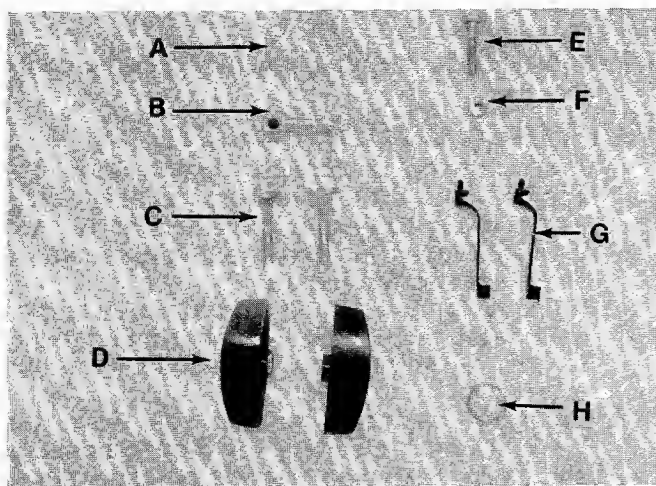


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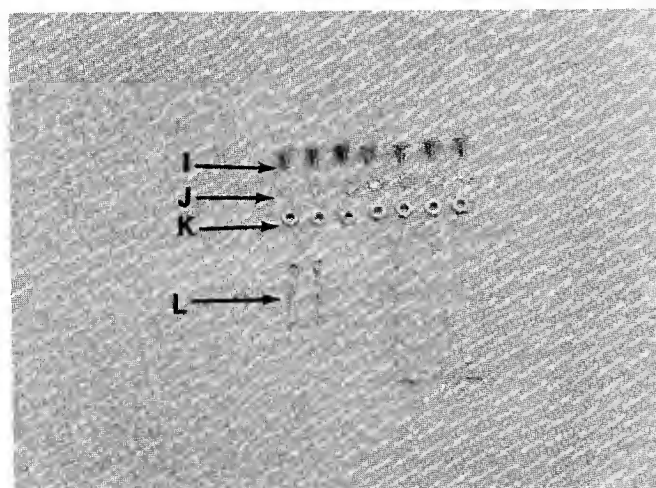


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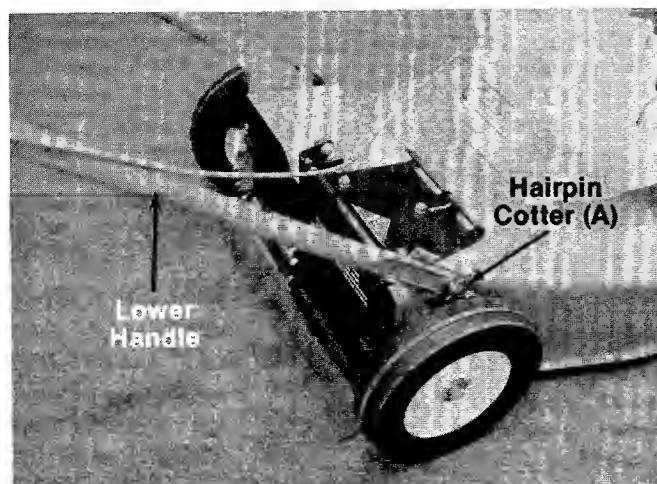


FIGURE 3.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



NOTE

This unit is shipped WITHOUT GASOLINE or OIL. After assembly, see operating section of this manual for proper fuel and engine oil recommendations.

Contents of Hardware Pack

- ← A (2) Hairpin Cotteners
- B (1) Ferrule
- C (2) Curved Carriage Bolts 5/16-18 x 1.75" Long
- D (2) Hand Knobs
- E (1) Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x 1.50" Long
- F (1) Hex Center Lock Nut 1/4-20 Thd.
- G (2) Cable Ties
- H (1) Ferrule Locking Ring

- I (7) Truss Head Bolts 3/8" Long
- J (7) External Lock Washers
- ← K (7) Hex Nuts #10-24 Thread
- L (2) Cotter Pins

1. Remove the lawn mower, loose parts, hardware pack and literature from the carton. Make certain all parts and literature have been removed before the carton is discarded.
2. Extend the throttle control which is attached to the engine and place on the floor. Be careful not to bend or kink control wire.
3. Fasten lower handle in position over weld pins in handle mount brackets on deck. The hole for the engagement rod in the lower handle must be on the **left** side of the unit. Secure with hairpin cotteners (A) in inner hole on weld pin. See figure 3.



NOTE

Reference to right hand or left hand side of the mower is observed from the operating position.



NOTE

It may be necessary to squeeze the ends of the lower handle in slightly to assure a snug fit against the handle brackets.

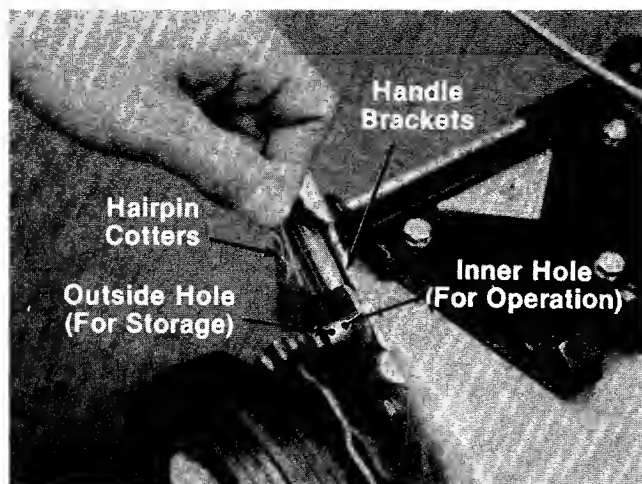


FIGURE 4.

NOTE

There are two (2) holes in the handle mount brackets. Place the lower handle against the brackets and secure with hairpin cotter in the inner hole. Inner hole is for operation. Outer hole is for storage. See figure 4.

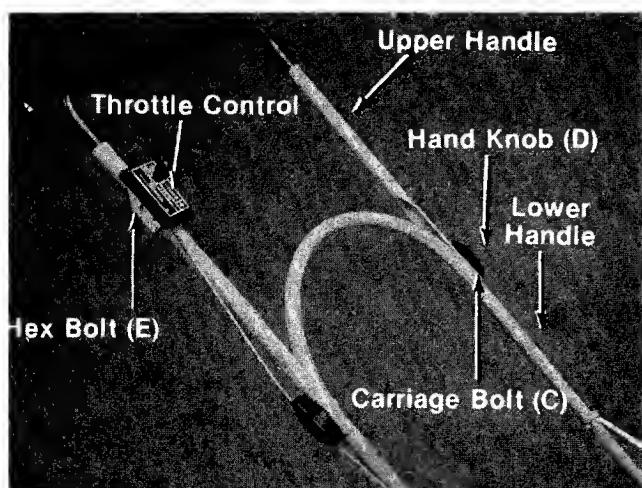


FIGURE 5.

4. Assemble upper handle to lower handle. Secure with two curved carriage bolts (C) and hand knobs (D) as shown in figure 5. The hand knobs may be assembled either to the inside or the outside of the handle.

NOTE

There are two height positions for the handle. See adjustment section.

5. Place the throttle control in position on **right** side of upper handle. Secure with hex bolt (E) and lock nut (F). See figure 5.

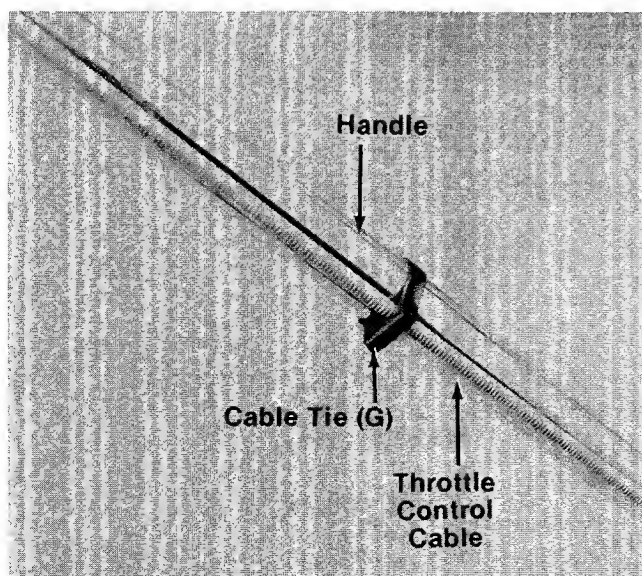


FIGURE 6.

6. Secure throttle control cable to handle with cable ties (G) provided. See figure 6.
7. Check all nuts and bolts for correct tightness.

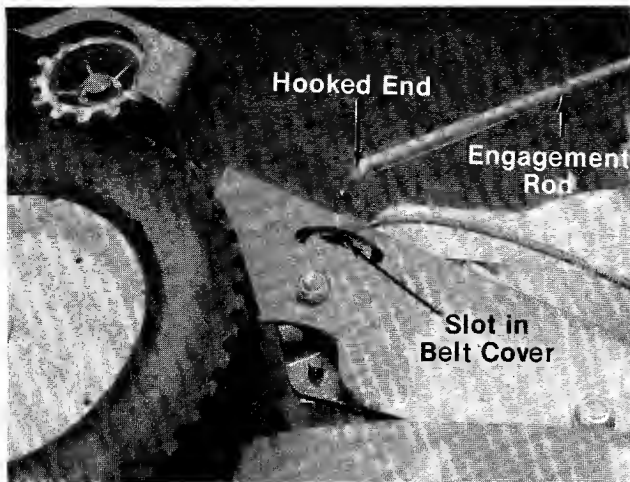


FIGURE 7.

8. Hook the end of engagement rod into idler bracket located inside slot on belt cover. See figure 7.
9. Pull the engagement rod back until the idler bracket is at the rear of the slot on belt cover.

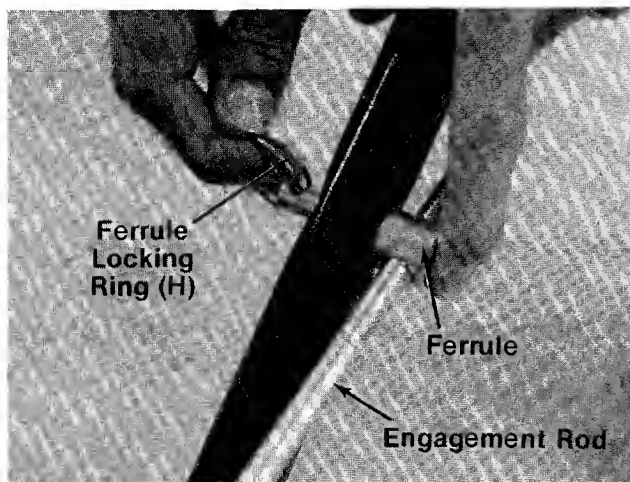


FIGURE 8.

10. With handle in the down position (released), place ferrule (B) on threaded end of engagement rod. Thread ferrule onto engagement rod until it lines up with the hole in lower handle.
11. Place ferrule into hole in lower handle. Secure with ferrule locking ring (H). See figure 8.
12. Check the engagement rod adjustment. Disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug. Pull the recoil starter handle without touching the mower handle. If the mower does not move forward, adjustment is correct. If the mower moves forward, remove the ferrule locking ring from the ferrule and thread in or out one turn. Repeat the above check as necessary.

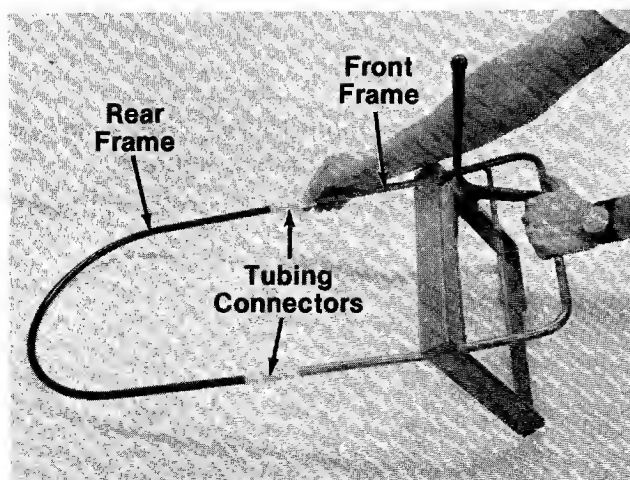


FIGURE 9.

ASSEMBLY Grass Catcher

1. Connect the front and the rear frames by pushing the tubing connectors onto the ends of the rear frame. See figure 9.

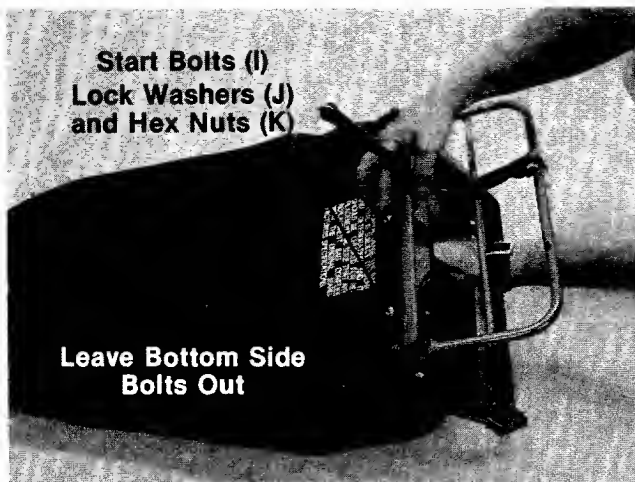


FIGURE 10.

2. Slip frame into grass bag. The black plastic is the bottom of the grass bag. Fasten edges of bag (with eyelets) to front frame with 3/8" bolts (I), lock washers (J) and hex nuts (K). Finger tighten. See figure 10. Hint: For easier assembly **Do Not** fasten lower bolts on sides until after step 3.

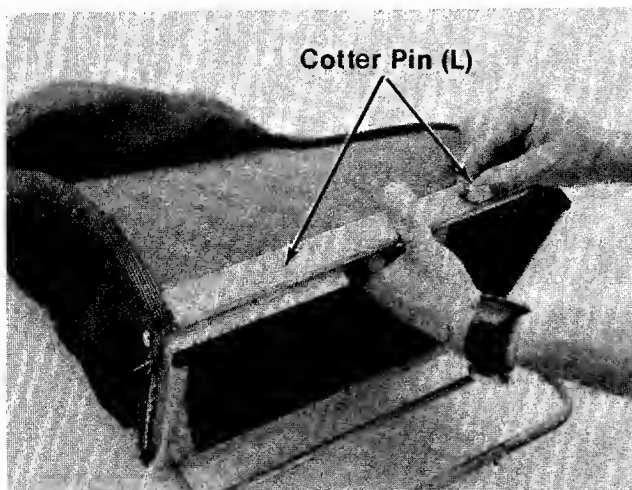
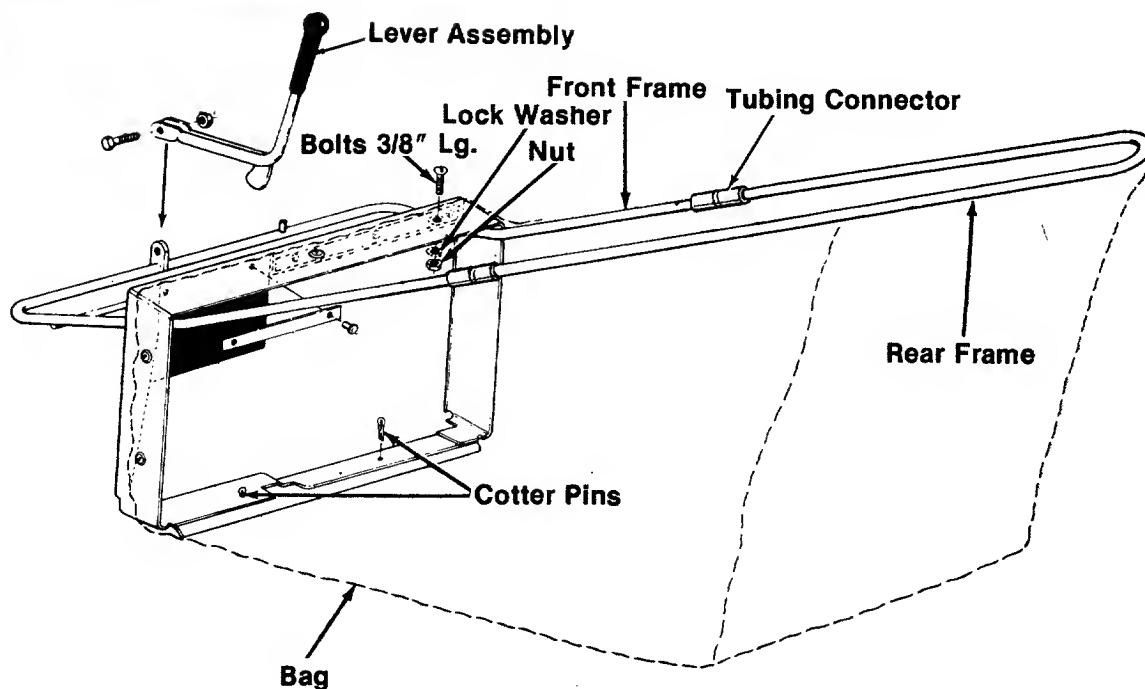


FIGURE 11.

3. Stand bag on end with open end up. Pull bottom of bag forward into slot. Align holes and slip cotter pins (L) into holes. Spread ends of pins to secure bag to frame. See figure 11. Tighten all nuts and bolts securely with screwdriver.



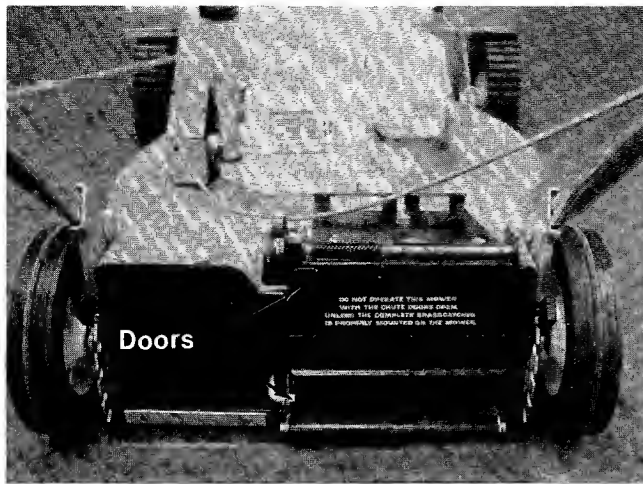


FIGURE 12.

TO ATTACH BAG TO MOWER



WARNING

Under no circumstances should the doors be opened while the engine is operating unless the grass catcher is securely in place.

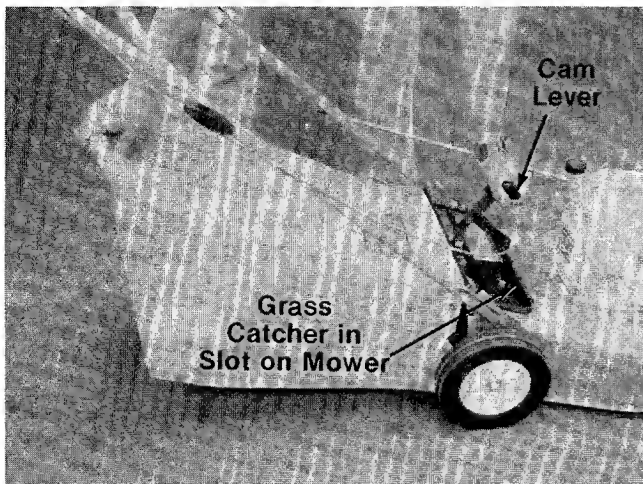


FIGURE 13.

1. Attach the grass catcher frame to the front of the adapter as shown in figure 13.

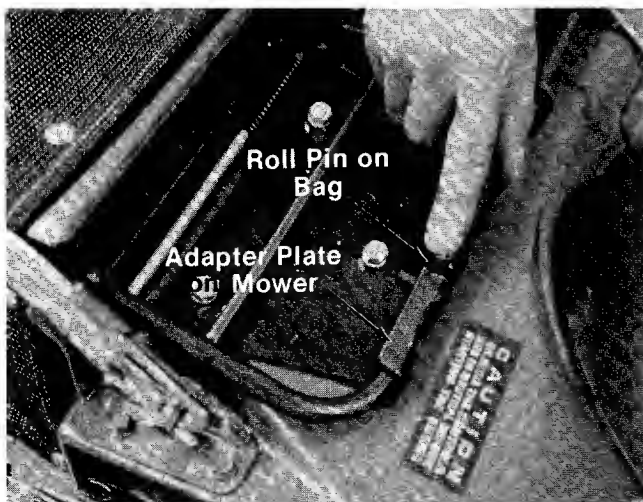


FIGURE 14.

Tilt bag slightly forward and slide roll pin on bag frame into slot on mower. See figure 14. Push down on bag to position on mower.

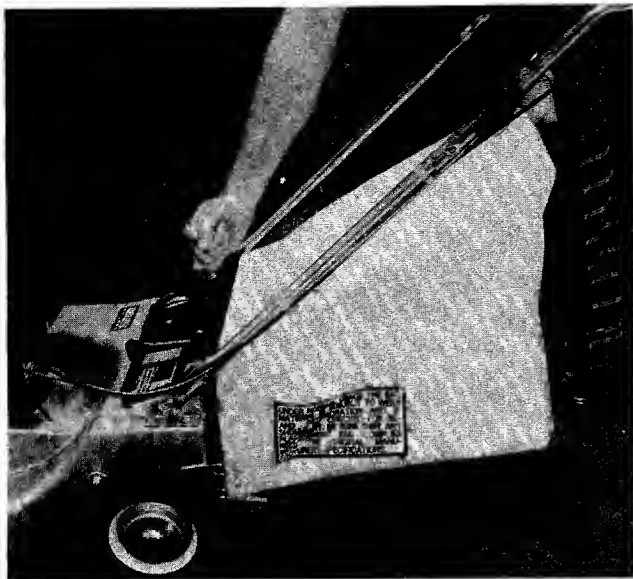


FIGURE 15.

2. Pull cam lever back and down to lock grass catcher on mower. This automatically opens rear discharge doors on mower. See figure 15.
- To remove the grass catcher, unlock the locking lever and lift off the grass catcher.

OPERATION

DO NOT OPERATE THIS MOWER WITH THE CHUTE DOORS OPEN, UNLESS THE COMPLETE GRASSCATCHER IS PROPERLY MOUNTED ON THE MOWER.



FIGURE 16.

Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. See figure 16.

NOTE

For shipping purposes your mower is set with the wheels in a low cutting height position. For best results, raise the cutting position until it is determined which height is best for your lawn. See adjustment section.

BREAK-IN INSTRUCTIONS

This mower should be broken in following the procedure described below. The added effort here will double the service life of the unit. Particular attention should be paid to the drive assembly adjustment.

1. Before starting the engine, lubricate all the bronze bearings on the drive shaft. The same oil which is used for the engine may be used for this.
2. Check drive assembly adjustment. Refer to step number twelve under assembly instructions.

BEFORE STARTING

1. Follow "Break-In Instructions." See above.
2. Fill sump with oil, using a high quality detergent oil classified "For Service SC, SD, SE or MS." Use SAE 30, SAE 10W-30 or SAE 10W-40 viscosity grade oil. Nothing should be added to the recommended oil.

Place engine level. Remove oil fill plug. See figure 17. Fill oil sump to point of overflowing. Pour slowly. Capacity 1¼ pints.

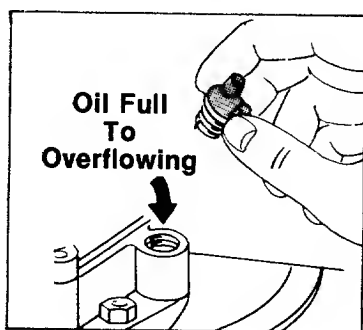


FIGURE 17.

3. Fill fuel tank, using clean, fresh, leaded **regular** grade automotive gasoline. Fill tank completely.

DO NOT MIX OIL WITH GASOLINE.

TO START ENGINE

1. Make sure handle is all the way back (free-wheeling position).
2. Move throttle control lever on engine to "START" position.
3. Place foot on right side of deck and hold handle to prevent tipping the unit. Grasp starter handle as shown in figure 18 and pull out rapidly. Return it slowly to the engine. Repeat if necessary.



When starting the unit, place the unit facing a solid object to stop it if it is not correctly adjusted to be in "Neutral" position. If the unit shows signs of motion with the handle back in the "free-wheeling" position, shut off the engine immediately. Readjust the clutch rod as necessary. Refer to step number 12 under Assembly Instructions.

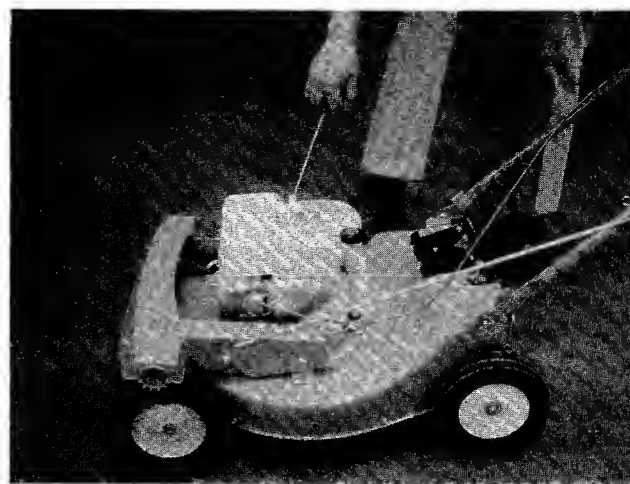


FIGURE 18.

4. After engine starts, move throttle control lever to desired speed.

TO STOP ENGINE

1. Move throttle control lever to "STOP" position.
2. Remove spark plug wire from spark plug and ground to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

TO ENGAGE DRIVE

Move the handle forward for self-propelled operation.

To stop the forward drive, release the handle. The unit will be free-wheeling. Self-propelled drive is resumed when handle is raised.

This mower is designed to be operated at full throttle to give you the best cut and do the most effective job of bagging the cut grass.

Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. For best results, do not mow when lawn is excessively wet.



After striking a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

ADJUSTMENTS



CAUTION

Do not at any time make any adjustment to lawn mower without first stopping engine and disconnecting spark plug wire.

CUTTING HEIGHT

An adjusting plate and thumb lever at each wheel position provides cutting height adjustment. Each adjusting plate has five holes. Height of cut will be changed when the thumb lever is moved from one hole to another. Simply depress thumb lever towards wheel and move wheel and lever assembly to desired position. All wheels must be placed in the same relative position. See figure 19.



IMPORTANT

The engagement rod must be readjusted when the cutting height on the mower is changed. See engagement rod adjustment.

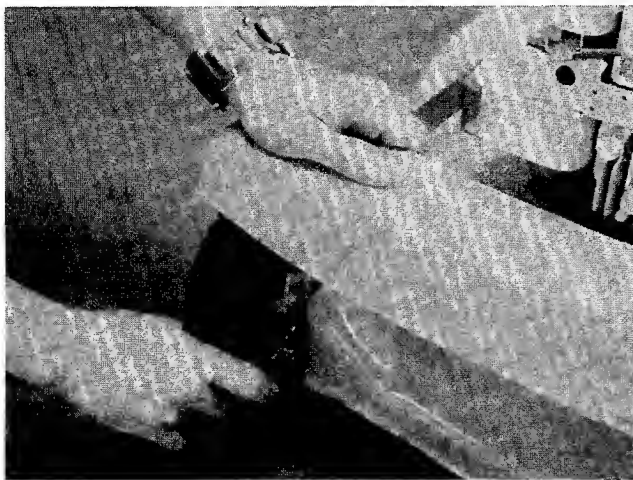


FIGURE 19.

ENGAGEMENT ROD ADJUSTMENT

To adjust the engagement rod, refer to step number twelve under assembly instructions.

The engagement rod must be adjusted each time the cutting height is changed. The ferrule will be moved toward the end of the rod as the cutting height is raised. See figure 20.

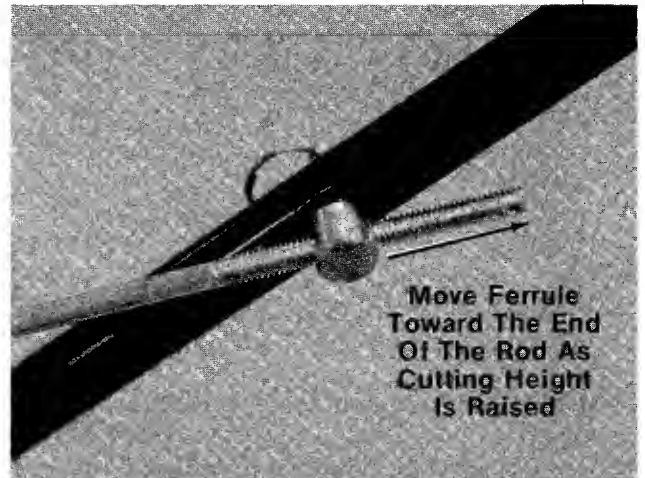


FIGURE 20.

THROTTLE

If adjustment becomes necessary, the throttle control wire assembly can be reset as follows:

1. Loosen, but do not remove, the screw securing throttle control wire assembly at engine.
2. Move throttle control lever on handle to "FAST" position.
3. Move lever to which control wire is fastened at engine to full open position. Retighten screw to secure throttle control wire assembly.

HANDLE POSITION

The upper handle can be adjusted to a high or low position. The operator of the lawn mower can easily adjust the handle position by unscrewing the two knobs, removing the two bolts and reassembling in the other position. No tools are necessary to make this adjustment. See figure 21.

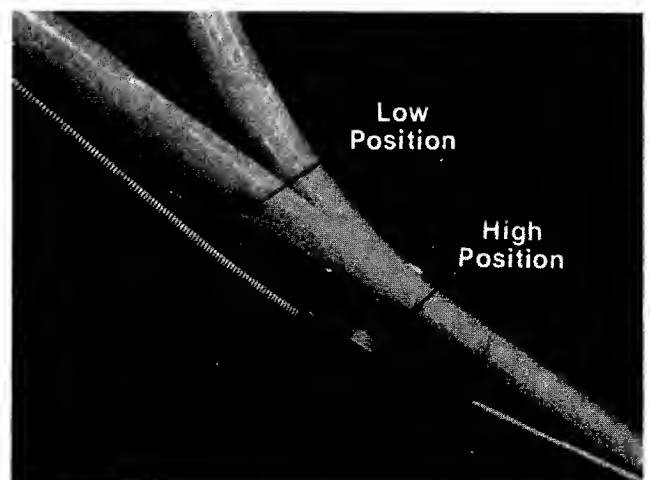


FIGURE 21.



WARNING

If any adjustments are made to the engine while the engine is running (e.g. carburetor), disengage all clutches and blades. Keep clear of all moving parts. Be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS (See figure 22)

Minor carburetor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load.

All carburetor adjustments should be made with the air cleaner on engine. Air cleaner mounting screw must be in carburetor when engine is run. Best adjustment is made with a fuel tank half full of gasoline.

To Adjust Carburetor:

1. Start engine and run long enough to warm it to operating temperature.
If engine is out of adjustment so that it will not start, close the needle valve by turning it clockwise. Then open needle valve 1-1/2 turns counterclockwise.
2. Move engine control to run engine at normal operating speed.
 - a. Turn needle valve in clockwise until engine starts to lose speed (lean mixture).
 - b. Then slowly turn needle valve out counterclockwise past the point of smoothest operation until engine just begins to run unevenly (rich mixture).
 - c. Turn needle valve back in clockwise very slowly till engine runs evenly.
 - d. Final adjustment of the needle valve should be slightly to the rich side (turn counterclockwise) of the mid-point.
3. Move engine control to SLOW. Turn idle adjusting screw until a fast idle is obtained (1750 R.P.M.).
4. To check adjustment, move engine control from SLOW to FAST speed. Engine should accelerate smoothly. If engine tends to stall or die out, increase idle speed or readjust carburetor, usually to a slightly richer mixture.

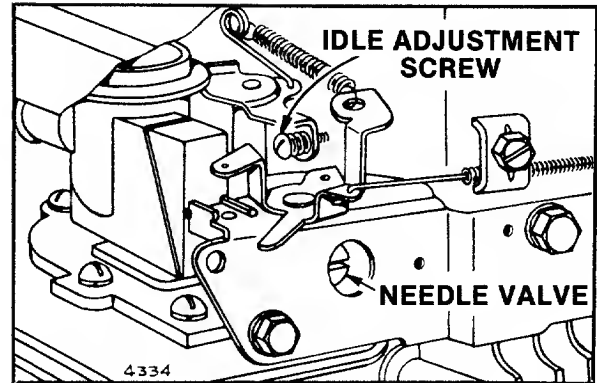


FIGURE 22.

LUBRICATION



IMPORTANT

Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn mower.

Wheels—Front and rear wheel bearings are of self-lubricating Fortiflex. They require no lubrication. However, if the wheels are removed for any reason, lubricate the surface of the axle bolt and the inner surface of the wheel with light oil. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

Engine—Follow engine manual for lubrication instructions.

Throttle—Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil for ease of operation.

Discharge Chute Door Mechanism—The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Doors must work freely.

Bronze Bearings—Periodically lubricate all bronze bearings with a few drops of light oil SAE No. 10 or 20 to minimize friction.

MAINTENANCE

CUTTING BLADE

A. Removal for Sharpening or Replacement



WARNING

Be sure to disconnect and ground the spark plug wire before working on the cutting blade to prevent accidental engine starting.

1. Remove the large bolt and lock washer which holds the blade and adapter to the engine crankshaft.
2. Remove the blade and adapter from the crankshaft. Be careful not to lose the key on the crankshaft.
3. If the blade or blade adapter needs replacing, remove the two small bolts, lock washers and nuts which hold the blade to the adapter.

B. Sharpening

Remove the cutting blade by following the directions of the preceding section.

When sharpening the blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is **extremely important** that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds and may cause damage to the mower.

The blade can be tested for balance by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.



NOTE

It is recommended that the blade always be removed from the adapter for the best test of balance.

C. Reassembly

Before reassembling the blade and the blade adapter to the unit, lubricate the engine crankshaft and the inner surface of the blade adapter with light oil. Lubricating the bolt holes, bolts and inner surface of the nuts with light oil is also recommended. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked "Bottom" (or with part number) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position. Make certain key is in place on the crankshaft.

Blade Mounting Torque

3/8" Dia. Bolt 375 in. lb. min., 450 in. lb. max.

5/16" Dia. Bolt 150 in. lb. min., 250 in. lb. max.

To insure safe operation of your unit, ALL nuts and bolts must be checked periodically for correct tightness.

DECK

The underside of mower deck should be cleaned after each period of use as grass clippings, leaves, dirt and other matter will accumulate. This accumulation of grass clippings, etc., is undesirable as it will invite rust and corrosion and may cause an uneven discharge of grass clippings at the next cutting.

The deck may be cleaned by tilting the mower forward or on its side and scraping clean with a suitable tool or by washing with a stream of water from a garden hose.



CAUTION

Do not direct the stream of water at a hot engine as damage to the engine may result.

ENGINE OIL

Check oil level before starting engine and after every 5 hours of operation.

ADD oil as necessary to keep level to FULL to point of overflowing.

Before removing oil fill plug, clean area around plug to prevent dirt from entering oil fill hole.

Engine should be in a level position when checking oil.

Change oil after first 5 hours of operation. Thereafter change every 25 hours. Change oil while engine is warm. Oil may be drained thru oil fill hole by tipping the unit on its side. Oil capacity 1-1/4 pints.

AIR CLEANER

Clean air cleaner and re-oil element every 25 hours under normal conditions. Clean every few hours under extremely dusty conditions. Poor engine performance and flooding usually indicates that the air cleaner should be serviced. See figure 23.

1. Remove screw.
2. Remove air cleaner carefully to prevent dirt from entering carburetor.
3. Take air cleaner apart and clean.
 - a. WASH foam element in kerosene or a liquid detergent and water to remove dirt.
 - b. DRY foam completely by wrapping and squeezing in a cloth.
 - c. SOAK foam with engine oil. Squeeze to distribute and remove excess oil.
4. Reassemble parts and fasten to carburetor.

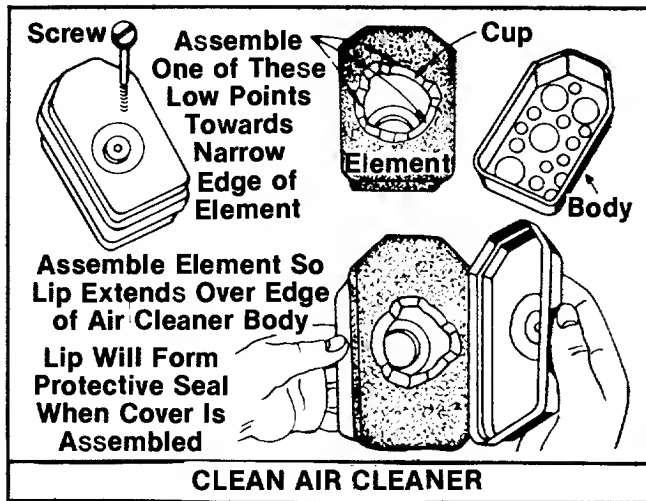


FIGURE 23.

SPARK PLUG

The spark plug should be cleaned (see figure 24) and the gap reset to a 0.030-inch clearance once a season (see figure 25). Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season; check engine manual for correct plug type.

NOTE

Whenever the spark plug is removed for cleaning, it is advisable to replace the spark plug gasket with a new gasket.

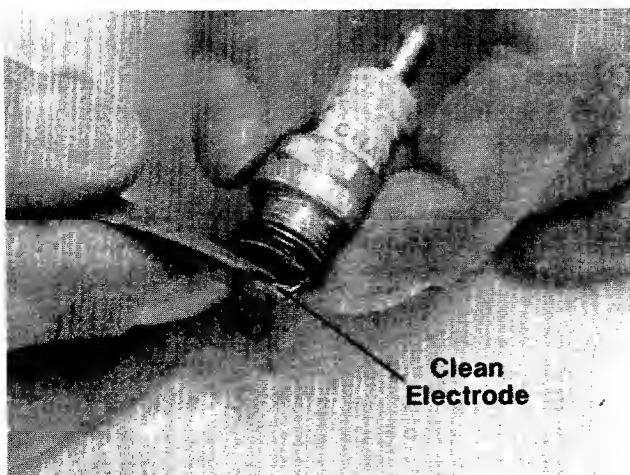


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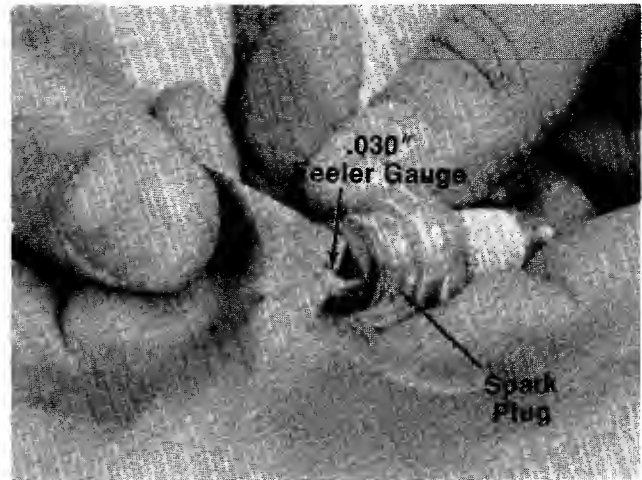


FIGURE 25.

BELT REPLACEMENT (See figure 26)

IMPORTANT

Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before performing any repairs or maintenance on the mower.

1. Remove the drive pinion cover by removing three hex self-tapping screws. A 3/8" wrench is required.
2. Remove both tension springs. See figure 26.
3. Using a screwdriver, remove the E-rings and pinions on both wheels.
4. Remove the shoulder bolt, lock washers and nut on the belt cover.
5. Remove the engagement rod.
6. Slide the belt cover to the left.
7. Unhook the belt from the idler and the pulleys.
8. Remove the shoulder bolt, lock washer and nut from the cover support bracket.
9. Remove belt and reassemble in reverse order with a new belt.

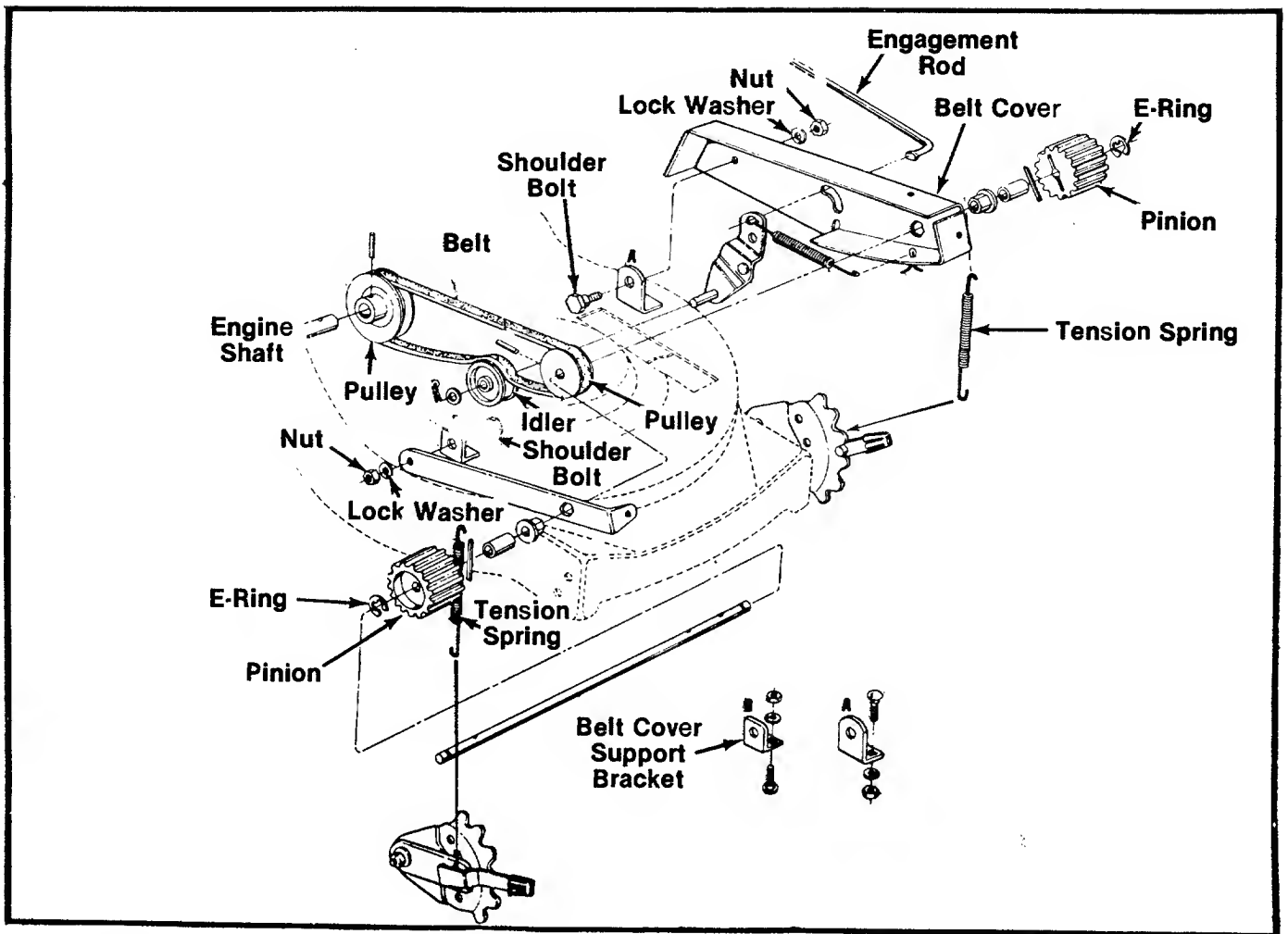


FIGURE 26.

HANDLE STORAGE

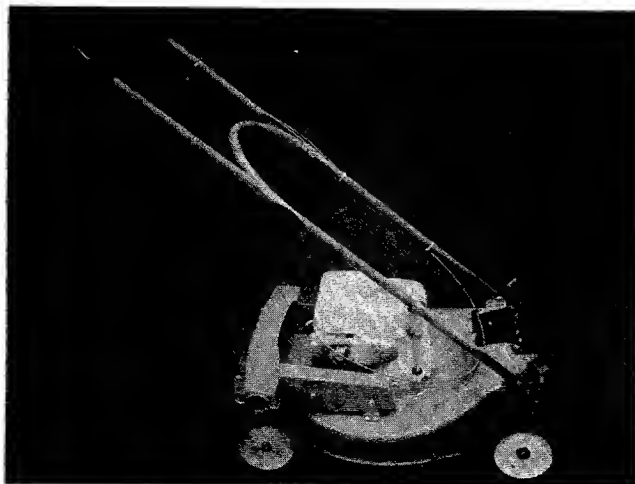


FIGURE 27.

The handle can be stored in an upright position to take less space. See figure 27. Remove engage-

ment rod. Move hairpin cotters to outer hole on weld pins (see figure 4). Grasp the lower handle at the bottom and pull apart slightly. Tip the handle forward. It will lock in this position. Reverse this procedure to place the handle in the operating position.

The handle may also be folded away completely. See figures 28 and 29.

1. Remove engagement rod.
2. Remove hairpin cotters from inner hole on weld pins on handle mount brackets. Place in outer hole.
3. Loosen the two hand knobs on the inside of the handle.
4. Pull outward on the bottom of each side of the lower handle, and push forward.
5. Fold the upper handle back and down as shown.

To take the handle out of storage position, proceed as follows.

1. Lift the upper handle up and towards the rear as shown.
2. Pull the handle back until it locks into the operator's position.
3. Tighten the two hand knobs securely.
4. Move the hairpin cotters to the inner hole on the weld pins.
5. Reassemble engagement rod. Check engagement rod adjustment.

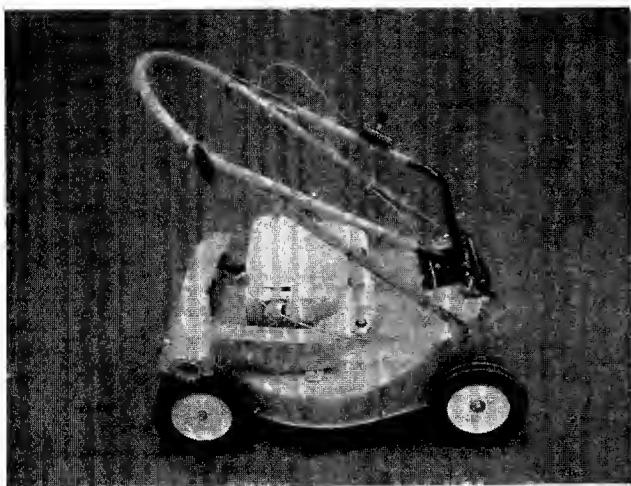


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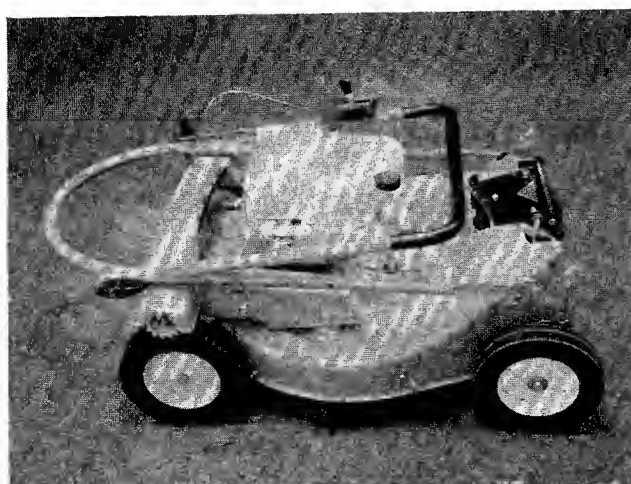


FIGURE 29.

OFF-SEASON STORAGE

If the machine is to be inoperative for a period longer than 30 days, the following procedures are recommended:

1. Working outdoors, drain all fuel from the fuel tank. Use a clean dry cloth to absorb the small amount of fuel remaining in the tank. Then run the engine until all fuel in the carburetor is exhausted.



Do not drain fuel while smoking, or if near an open fire.

2. Drain all the oil from the crankcase (this should be done after the engine has been operated and is still warm). Refill the crankcase with clean new oil.
3. Disconnect the spark plug wire and remove the spark plug from the cylinder. Pour about 2 or 3 tablespoons of engine oil into the cylinder. Turn the engine over several times to spread out the oil. Replace the spark plug, but do not connect the wire.
4. Clean the engine and the entire mower thoroughly.
5. Lubricate all lubrication points.



The use of any accessory on this Rotary Mower other than those manufactured by the mower manufacturer is **not** recommended.



DO NOT operate the mower with the chute doors open unless the complete grass catcher is properly mounted on the mower.

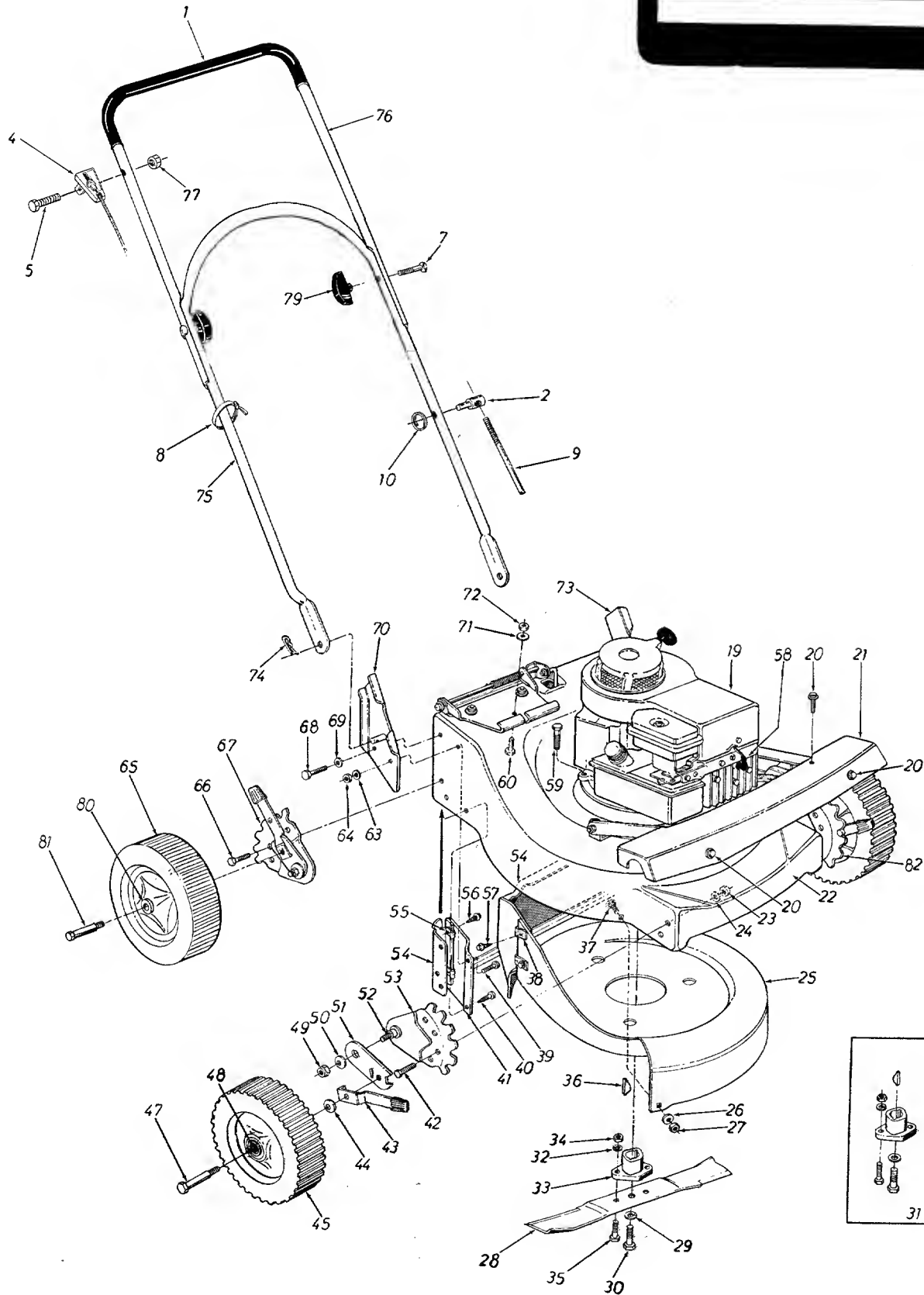


Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear and should be checked periodically. Be sure any replacement bag complies with the mower manufacturer's recommendations.

For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-0174.

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IF YOU WRITE TO US ABOUT THIS ARTICLE
OR IF YOU ORDER REPLACEMENT PARTS AL-
WAYS MENTION THIS MODEL & SERIAL NO
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PARTS LIST FOR MODELS 121-336A AND 121-336-300

| REF. NO. | PART NO. | COLOR CODE | DESCRIPTION | NEW PART | REF. NO. | PART NO. | COLOR CODE | DESCRIPTION | NEW PART |
|----------|----------|------------|--|----------|----------|----------|------------|---|----------|
| 1 | 718-0145 | | Plastic Grip Shrink Type | | 48 | 741-0262 | | Fortiflex Bearing | |
| 2 | 711-0570 | | Ferrule | | 49 | 712-0375 | | Hex Cent. L-Nut 3/8-16 Thd.* | |
| 4 | 746-0315 | | Throttle Control Ass'y. Comp. | | 50 | 736-0255 | | Bell-Wash. .51 I.D. x 1.12 O.D. | |
| 5 | 710-0606 | | Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x 1.50 Lg.* | | 51 | 10619 | | Pivot Bar | |
| 7 | 710-0405 | | Curved Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 1.75 Lg. | | 52 | 738-0269 | | Shld. Bolt | |
| 8 | 726-0188 | | Cable Ties | | 53 | 12323 | | Index Plate | |
| 9 | 747-0267 | | Engagement Rod | | 54 | 12176 | | Rear Deck Section Ass'y. | |
| 10 | 714-0150 | | Ferrule Locking Ring | | 55 | 712-0344 | | Speed Nut #10Z | |
| 19 | — | | Engine B & S 3.5 H.P. | | 56 | 710-0436 | | Hex B-Tap Scr. #10Z x .62" Lg. | |
| 20 | 710-0599 | | Hex Wash. Self-Tap Scr. 1/4-20 x .50 Lg. | | 57 | 710-0436 | | Hex B-Tap Scr. #10Z x .62" Lg. | |
| 21 | 12982 | —456 | Cover | | 58 | 735-0639 | | Spark Plug Boot | |
| 22 | 12981 | —456 | 20" Rear Discharge S.P. Deck | | 59 | 710-0158 | | Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.25" Lg.* | |
| 23 | 712-0798 | | Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.* | | 60 | 710-0167 | | Carr. Bolt 1/4-20 x .50" Lg.* | |
| 24 | 736-0169 | | L-Wash. 3/8 I.D.* | | 63 | 736-0329 | | L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.* | |
| 25 | 12190 | —456 | Rear Discharge Baffle | | 64 | 712-0287 | | Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.* | |
| 26 | 736-0329 | | L-Wash. 1/4 I.D.* | | 65 | 734-0841 | | Rear Wheel 8 x 1.75 Comp. | |
| 27 | 712-0287 | | Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.* | | 66 | 710-0781 | | Hex Wash. Hd. Self-Tap Scr. 3/8-16 x .88" Lg. | |
| 28 | 742-0123 | | 20" Blade | | 67 | 12321 | | Height Adjustment Ass'y.—L.H. | |
| 29 | 736-0217 | | L-Wash. 3/8 I.D.* | | 68 | 710-0289 | | Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x .500" Lg.* | |
| 30 | 710-0459 | | Hex Bolt 3/8-24 x 1.50" Lg.* | | 69 | 736-0329 | | L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.* | |
| 31 | 10769 | | Blade Adapter Kit | | 70 | 14159 | | Handle Brkt. Ass'y. | |
| 32 | 736-0119 | | L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.* | | 71 | 736-0329 | | L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.* | |
| 33 | 10769 | | Blade Adapter Kit | | 72 | 712-0287 | | Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.* | |
| 34 | 712-0123 | | Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd.* | | 73 | 14158 | | Handle Brkt. Ass'y. | |
| 35 | 710-0117 | | Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg. | | 74 | 714-0104 | | Int. Cotter Pin .516 Dia.* | |
| 36 | 714-0365 | | #6 Hi-Pro Key 5/32" x 5/8" Dia. | | 75 | 749-0396 | | Lower Handle | |
| 37 | 710-0167 | | Carr. Bolt 1/4-20 x .50" Lg.* | | 76 | 749-0402 | | Upper Handle | |
| 38 | 726-0139 | | Speed Nut—U Type | | 77 | 712-0107 | | Hex Cent. L-Nut 1/4-20 Thd. | |
| 39 | 710-0599 | | Hex Wash. Hd. Self-Tap Scr. 1/4-20 x .50" Lg.* | | 78 | 726-0134 | | Speed Nut #8-32 | |
| 40 | 710-0294 | | Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x .375" Lg.* | | 79 | 09966 | | Knob Handle Ass'y. | |
| 41 | 12302 | | Side Plate | | 80 | 741-0262 | | Fortiflex Bearing | |
| 42 | 710-0209 | | Hex Sems Bolt 3/8-16 x .62" Lg.* | | 81 | 738-0102 | | Shld. Bolt .498 Dia. x 1.44" Lg. | |
| 43 | 10530 | | Spring Lever Ass'y. | | 82 | 12322 | | Height Adjustment Ass'y.—R.H. | |
| 44 | 736-0105 | | Bell-Wash. .40 I.D. x .88 O.D. | | | | | | |
| 45 | 734-0538 | | Front Wheel 8 x 1.75 Comp. | | | | | | |
| 47 | 738-0102 | | Shld. Bolt .498 Dia. x 1.44" Lg. | | | | | | |

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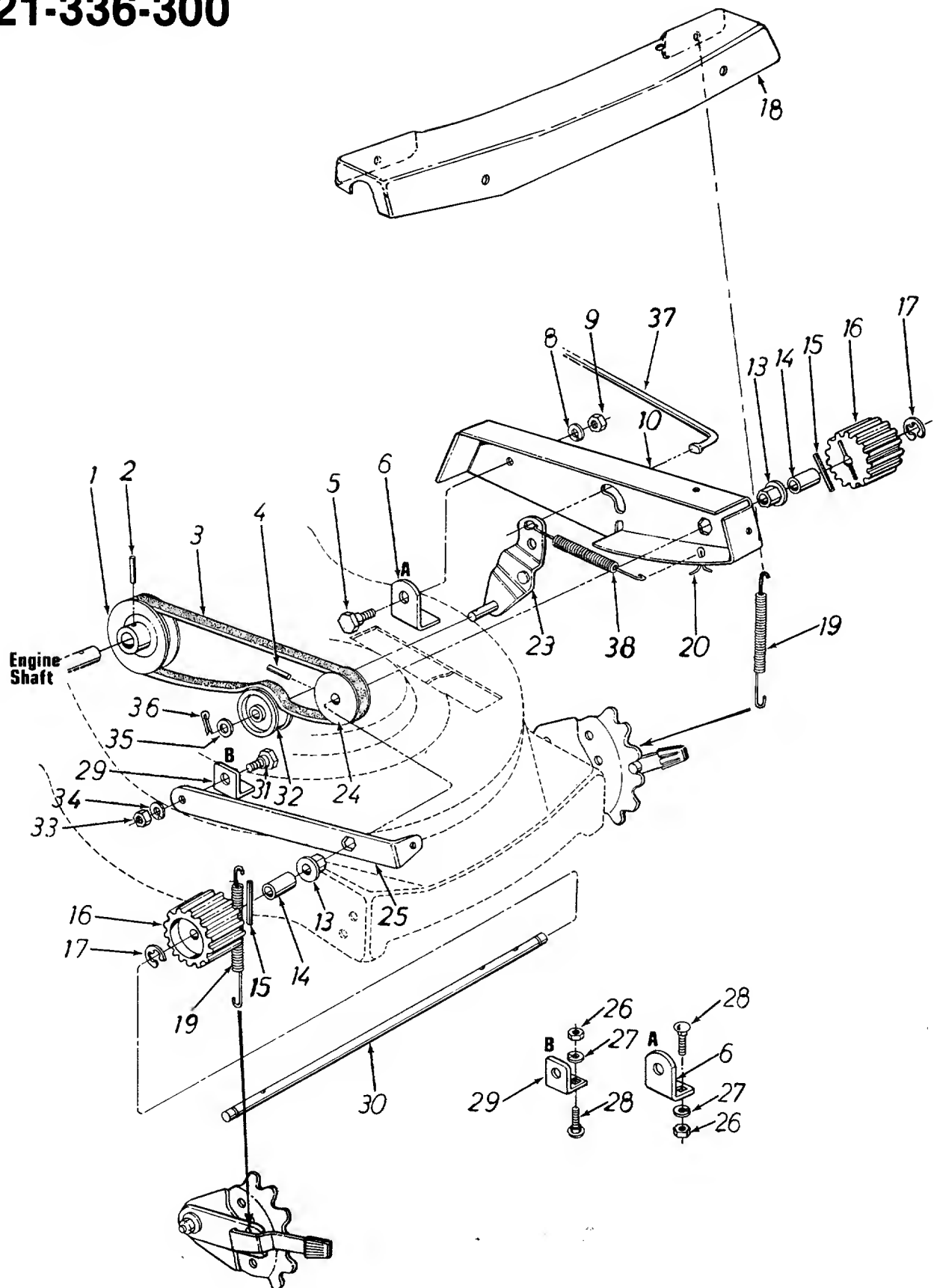


NOTE

This instruction manual covers various models and all specifications shown do not necessarily apply to your model. Specifications subject to change without notice or obligation.

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|----------|----------|------------|--|----------|
| 1 | 756-0289 | | ½ "V"-Engine Pulley | |
| 2 | 715-0246 | | Spring Pin Spiral 3/16" Dia. x 1.25" Lg. | |
| 3 | 754-0163 | | "V"-Belt ½" x 28.0" Lg. | |
| 4 | 715-0247 | | Spring Pin Spiral 3/16" Dia. x 1.00" Lg. | |
| 5 | 738-0147 | | Shld. Bolt .500 Dia. x .170 | |
| 6 | 12978 | | Belt Cover Pivot Brkt. | |
| 7 | 738-0147 | | Shld. Bolt .500 Dia. x .170 | |
| 8 | 736-0169 | | L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.* | |
| 9 | 712-0342 | | Hex Jam Nut 3/8-16 Thd. | |
| 10 | 13613 | —456 | Belt Cover Ass'y. | |
| 11 | 736-0169 | | L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.* | |
| 12 | 712-0342 | | Hex Jam Nut 3/8-16 Thd. | |
| 13 | 748-0228 | | Hex Flange Brg. .503 I.D. | |
| 14 | 711-0313 | | Spacer .52 I.D. x .69 O.D. x .88 | |
| 15 | 715-0246 | | Spring Pin Spiral 3/16 Dia. x 1.25" Lg. | |
| 16 | 731-0393 | | 13 Teeth Drive Pinion | |
| 17 | 716-0104 | | "E"-Ring for .500 Dia. Shaft | |
| 18 | 12982 | —456 | Cover | |
| 19 | 732-0264 | | Extension Spring .38 O.D. x 2.50" Lg. | |
| 20 | 714-0115 | | Cotter Pin | |
| 23 | 13608 | | Idler Brkt. Ass'y. | |
| 24 | 756-0290 | | ½ "V"-Pulley | |
| 25 | 12980 | | Cover Support Brkt. | |
| 26 | 712-0287 | | Hex Nut ¼-20 Thd.* | |
| 27 | 736-0329 | | L-Wash. ¼" I.D.* | |
| 28 | 710-0167 | | Carriage Bolt ¼-20 x .500" Lg. | |
| 29 | 12979 | | Cover Support Pivot Brkt. | |
| 30 | 738-0356 | | Pinion Shaft | |
| 31 | 738-0147 | | Shld. Bolt .500 Dia. x .170 | |
| 32 | 756-0192 | | Plastic Flat Idler | |
| 33 | 712-0342 | | Hex Jam Nut 3/8-16 Thd.* | |
| 34 | 736-0169 | | L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.* | |
| 35 | 736-0150 | | Fl-Wash. .53 I.D. x .94 O.D. | |
| 36 | 714-0115 | | Cotter Pin 1/8" Dia. x 1.00" Lg.* | |
| 37 | 747-0267 | | Engagement Rod | |
| 38 | 732-0395 | | Extension Spring | |

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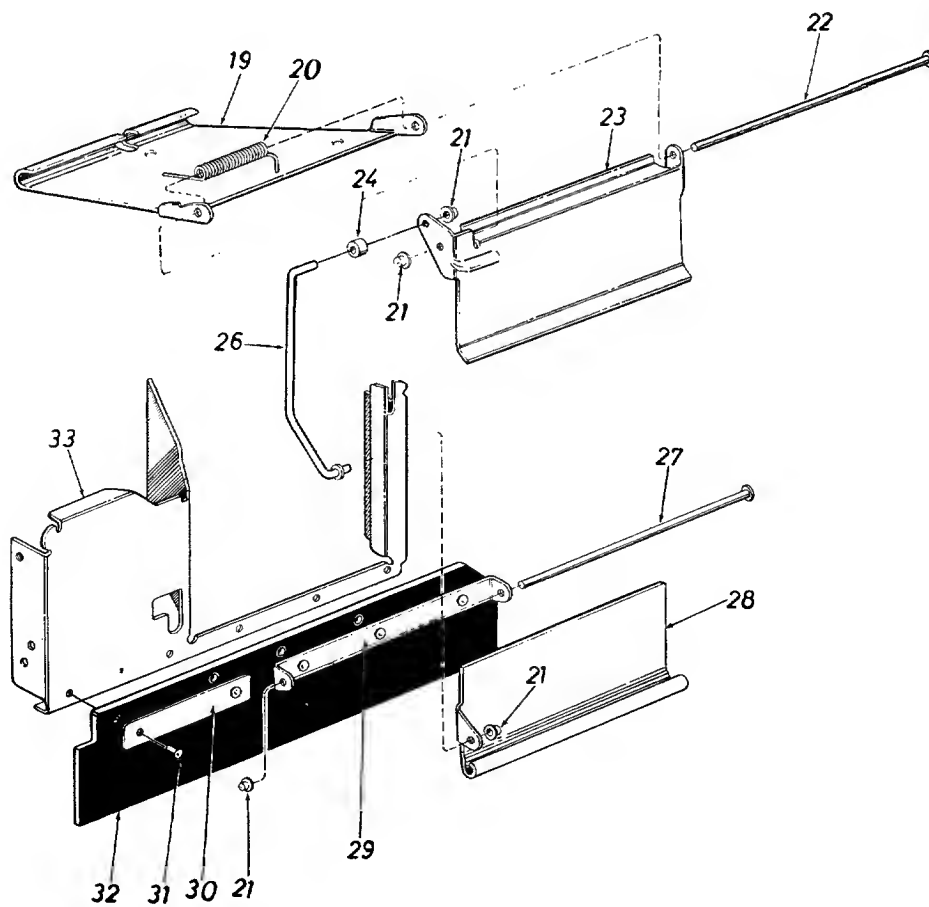
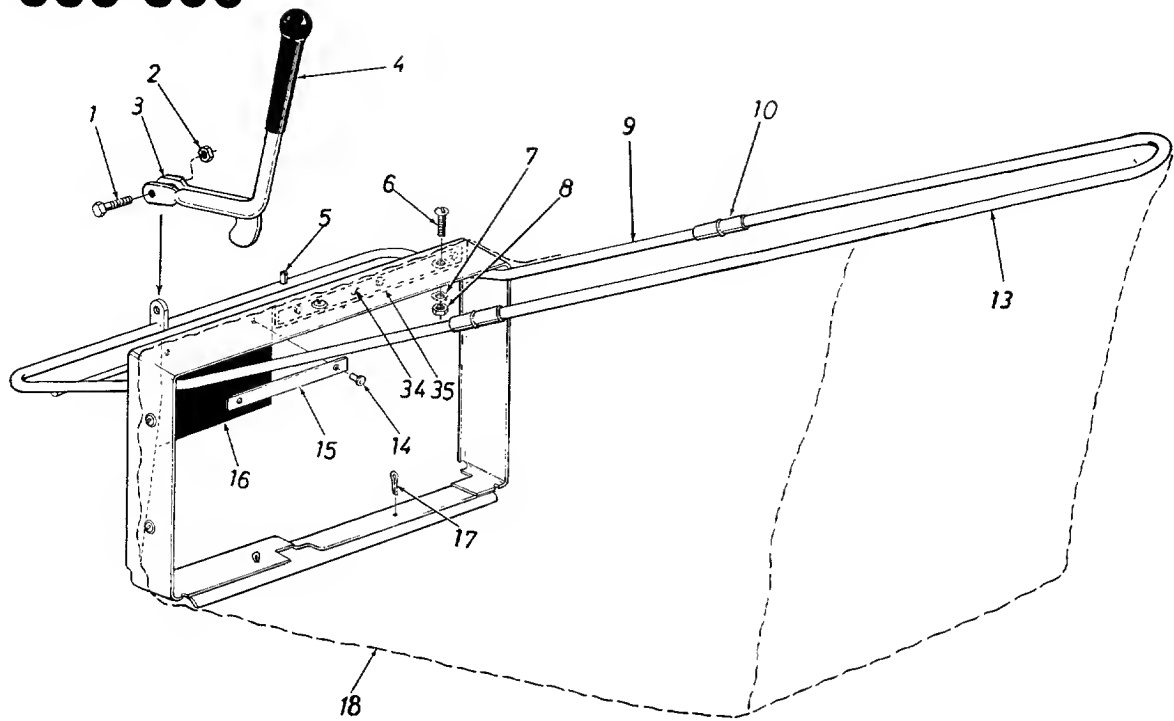
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| 1 | 710-0117 | | Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg.* | |
| 2 | 712-0305 | | Hex Cent. L-Nut 5/16-24 Thd. | |
| 3 | 12393 | | Cam Lever Ass'y. | |
| 4 | 720-0143 | | Grip | |
| 5 | 715-0247 | | Spring Pin Spiral | |
| 6 | 710-0192 | | Truss Mach. Scr. #10-24 x .38" Lg.* | |
| 7 | 736-0147 | | Ext. L-Wash. #10 I.D. | |
| 8 | 712-0121 | | Hex Nut #10-24 Thd.* | |
| 9 | 14131 | | Catcher Frame Ass'y. Lower Half | |
| 10 | 750-0473 | | Tubing Connector | |
| 13 | 749-0371 | | Frame—Rear Half | |
| 14 | 728-0128 | | Rivet | |
| 15 | 12185 | | Reinforcement Bar | |
| 16 | 735-0168 | | Grass Catcher Flap | |
| 17 | 714-0115 | | Cotter Pin 1/8" Dia. x 1.00" Lg.* | |
| 18 | 764-0174 | | Grass Catcher Bag | |
| 19 | 12192 | | Grass Catcher Adapter | |
| 20 | 732-0295 | | Torsion Spring | |
| 21 | 726-0135 | | Push Nut 5/16" Rod | |
| 22 | 738-0253 | | Hinge Rod | |
| 23 | 12395 | | Chute Door—Upper Half | |
| 24 | 748-0246 | | Roller Spacer | |
| 26 | 747-0141 | | Connecting Rod | |
| 27 | 738-0253 | | Hinge Rod | |
| 28 | 12194 | | Chute Door—Lower Half | |
| 29 | 12195 | | Hinge Bracket | |
| 30 | 12185 | | Reinforcement Bar | |
| 31 | 728-0131 | | Rivet .188 x .438 | |
| 32 | 735-0167 | | Rear Protective Flap | |
| 33 | 12612 | | Rear Deck Section Ass'y. | |
| 34 | 12316 | | Reinforcement Bar | |
| 35 | 735-0183 | | Grass Catcher Flap | |

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PARTS INFORMATION

POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service for all MTD manufactured power equipment are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model number of your unit, part numbers, description of parts and the quantity of each part required.

NOTE: If any parts are found to be missing or defective upon assembly of this unit, write to advise the factory so that immediate replacement can be made.

| | |
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| ALABAMA | BIRMINGHAM |
| Auto Electric & Carburetor Co. | 2625 4th Ave. S.35233 |
| ARKANSAS | FORT SMITH |
| Mity Mite Motors, Inc. | 4515 S. 16th St.72901 |
| | NORTH LITTLE ROCK |
| Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop | Rt. 4, Box 36872117 |
| CALIFORNIA | PORTERVILLE |
| Billious | 75 North D Street93257 |
| | SAN FRANCISCO |
| J.W. Jewett Co. | 981 Folsom St.94107 |
| COLORADO | DENVER |
| Colorado Outdoor Power Equip. | 527 West Evans80223 |
| FLORIDA | JACKSONVILLE |
| Radco Distributors | 4909 Victor St. |
| | Box 545932207 |
| | OPA LOCKA |
| Small Eng. Dist. | 2351 N.W. 147th St.33054 |
| GEORGIA | EAST POINT |
| East Point Cycle & Key | 2834 Church St.30344 |
| ILLINOIS | LYONS |
| Keen Edge Co. | 8615 Ogden Ave.60534 |
| INDIANA | ELKHART |
| Parts & Sales Inc. | 2101 Industrial Pkwy.46514 |
| IOWA | DUBUQUE |
| Power Lawn & Garden Equip. | 2551 J.F. Kennedy52001 |
| LOUISIANA | NEW ORLEANS |
| Suhren Engine Co. | 8330 Earhart Blvd.70118 |
| MARYLAND | TAKOMA PARK |
| Center Supply Co. | 6867 New Hampshire Ave.20012 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | SPRINGFIELD |
| Morton B. Collins Co. | 300 Birnie Ave.01107 |
| MICHIGAN | LANSING |
| Lorenz Service Co. | 2500 S. Pennsylvania48910 |
| | MOUNT CLEMENS |
| Power Equipment Dist. | 36463 South Gratiot48043 |
| MINNESOTA | HOPKINS |
| Hance Distributing Inc. | 420 Excelsior Ave. W.55343 |
| MISSISSIPPI | BILOXI |
| Biloxi Sales & Service, Inc. | 506 Caillavet St.39533 |
| MISSOURI | KANSAS CITY |
| Automotive Equip. Service | 3117 Holmes St.64109 |
| | ST. JOSEPH |
| Ross-Frazier Supply Co. | 8th and Monterey64503 |
| | ST. LOUIS |
| Henzler, Inc. | 2015 Lemay Ferry Road63125 |
| NEW JERSEY | BELLMAR |
| Lawnmower Parts Inc. | 717 Creek Rd.08030 |
| | RUTHERFORD |
| Feld Distributor | 28 Glen Rd.07070 |
| NEW YORK | CARTHAGE |
| Gamble Dist., Inc. | West End Ave.13619 |

BRIGGS AND STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts and service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing **Engines—Gasoline**, Briggs & Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson.

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| NORTH CAROLINA | GOLDSBORO |
| Smith Hardware Co. | 515 N. George St.27530 |
| | GREENSBORO |
| Dixie Sales Company | 335 N. Green27402 |
| OHIO | CARROLL |
| Stebe's Mid-State Mower Supply | Box 366, 71 High St.43112 |
| | CLEVELAND |
| Bleckrie, Inc. | 7900 Lorain Ave.44102 |
| | WADSWORTH |
| National Central | 687 Seville Rd.44281 |
| Burton Supply Co. | YOUNGSTOWN |
| | 1301 Logan Ave. |
| | Box 92944501 |
| OKLAHOMA | MUSKOGEE |
| Victory Motors, Inc. | 605 S. Cherokee74401 |
| | OKLAHOMA CITY |
| Forest Sales Inc. | 6415 N. Olie73116 |
| OREGON | PORTLAND |
| Kenton Supply Co. | 8216 N. Denver Ave.97217 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | CHESTER |
| Stull Equipment Corp. | 742 W. Front St.19013 |
| | HARRISBURG |
| EECO Inc. | 4021 N. 6th St.17110 |
| Thompson Rubber Co. | PHILADELPHIA |
| | 5222-24 N. Fifth St.19120 |
| Bluemont Co. | PITTSBURGH |
| | 11125 Frankstown Rd.15235 |
| | PUNXSUTAWNEY |
| Frank Roberts & Sons | R.D. 215767 |
| TENNESSEE | KNOXVILLE |
| Master Repair Service | 2000 Western Ave.37921 |
| | MEMPHIS |
| American Sales & Service, Inc. | 1922 Lynnbrook38116 |
| TEXAS | DALLAS |
| Marr Brothers, Inc. | 423 E. Jefferson75203 |
| | FORT WORTH |
| Woodson Sales Corp. | 1702 N. Sylvania76111 |
| | HOUSTON |
| Bullard Supply Co. | 2409 Commerce St.77003 |
| | SAN ANTONIO |
| Catto & Putty, Inc. | 414 Live Oak78298 |
| UTAH | SALT LAKE CITY |
| A-1 Engine & Mower Co. | 437 E. 9th St.84111 |
| VERMONT | BURLINGTON |
| Vermont Hdwe. Co. Inc. | 180 Flynn Ave.05401 |
| VIRGINIA | RICHMOND |
| RBI Corp. | 963 Myers St.23260 |
| WASHINGTON | SEATTLE |
| Bailey's Inc. | 1414 14th Ave.98102 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | CHARLESTON |
| Young's, Inc. | 233 Virginia St., E.25301 |
| WISCONSIN | MARSHFIELD |
| Power Pac | 301 E. 29th St.54449 |

WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

The purpose of warranty is to protect the customer from defects in workmanship and materials, defects which are NOT detected at the time of manufacture. It does not provide for the unlimited and unrestricted replacement of parts. Use and maintenance are the responsibility of the customer. The manufacturer cannot assume responsibility for conditions over which it has no control. Simply put, if it's the manufacturer's fault, it's the manufacturer's responsibility; if it's the customer's fault, it's the customer's responsibility.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY INCLUDES:

1. Replacement of Missing Parts on new equipment.
2. Replacement of Defective Parts within the warranty period.
3. Repair of Defects within the warranty period.

All claims MUST be substantiated with the following information:

1. Model Number of unit involved.
2. Date unit was purchased or first put into service.
3. Date of failure.
4. Nature of failure.

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